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RECORD PRIZE FUND INCREASES ENTRIES FOR EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

The announcement of a record prize fund, on offer to athletes at the **adidas European Short Course Championships in December (11-13)** in Sheffield, UK, has resulted in an influx of countries wanting to take part in the event.

The record cash incentive of 1,520,000 DM, announced last month by **LEN** (Ligue Européenne de Natation), swimming's European governing body, has meant that with more than a month to go before the closing date, a total of 36 nations have entered the event - six more than at the last Championships in 1996.

Supplying by far the largest team of the Championships is the home team, **Great Britain**, who have indicated that they could enter as many as 40 athletes to the Championships. Among the GB stars expected to make the trip to Sheffield are 200m fly short course world record holder James Hickman, and Susan Rolph, who won two gold and two silver medals at Rostock in 1996 - as well as equalling the European 200m IM record.

Germany have indicated that they too will be sending a full strength team of up to 40 athletes to Sheffield in December, a team which could include Sandra Voelker who left Rostock with 2 new European records, and a handful of gold and silver medals. In Rostock, at the last championships, the German team had at least one finalist in all but four of the 38 events.

Sweden will enter up to 20 athletes in a team which could include the 50m fly world record holder Johanna Sjoberg, who beat Voelker into second place in both the 50m and 100m butterfly events in Rostock.

Therefore, with so many countries sending full strength teams to this year's Championships and with a number of top athletes already committed to the event, spectators at the Ponds Forge International Centre in Sheffield can expect to see a highly competitive and entertaining competition.

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Participating Nations							
	<i>Federation</i>	<i>Country code</i>	<i>Swimmers M/F</i>		<i>Federation</i>	<i>Country code</i>	<i>Swimmers M/F</i>
1	Austria	AUT	3 / 3	19	Latvia	LAT	1 / -
2	Belarus	BLR	4 / 2	20	Lithuania	LTU	8 / 1
3	Belgium	BEL	4 / 8	21	Luxembourg	LUX	1 / 2
4	Croatia	CRO	11 / 5	22	Macedonia	MKD	2 / 2
5	Cyprus	CYP	1 / 1	23	Moldova	MLD	4 / 1
6	Czech	CZE	8 / 8	24	Netherlands	NED	10 / 10
7	Denmark	DEN	2 / 5	25	Norway	NOR	7 / 6
8	Estonia	EST	6 / 2	26	Poland	POL	4 / 4
9	Finland	FIN	6 / 6	27	Portugal	POR	6 / 4
10	France	FRA	6 / 6	28	Romania	ROM	4 / 6
11	Germany	GER	18 / 18	29	Russia	RUS	12 / 8
12	Gt Britain	GBR	20 / 20	30	Slovakia	SLO	6 / 4
13	Greece	GRE	4 / 6	31	Slovenia	ESP	6 / 6
14	Hungary	HUN	1 / -	32	Spain	ESP	6 / 10
15	Iceland	ISL	4 / 5	33	Sweden	SWE	10 / 10
16	Ireland	IRL	6 / 4	34	Switzerland	SUI	8 / 6
17	Israel	ISR	7 / 3	35	Ukraine	UKR	3 / 3
18	Italy	ITA	9 / 7	36	Yugoslavia	YUG	5 / 3

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LEN ANNOUNCE RECORD CASH INCENTIVE FOR EUROPEAN SHORT COURSE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Swimming's European governing body LEN, (Ligue Européenne de Natation), has announced a huge cash prize incentive for the **adidas European Short Course Championships**, which take place in Sheffield, UK, in December (11th-13th).

The prize fund of 1,520,000 DM, which will be awarded to athletes who secure either European or World Records during the event, marks a massive 300% increase on the overall prize fund made available at the last European Short Course Championship in Rostock, Germany in 1996.

Sven Folvik, Honorary Secretary of LEN, said that providing such a substantial amount for both European and World records would ensure the presence of Europe's top swimming stars.

"We hope that the significant increase in prize money, coupled with the fact that the Ponds Forge International Pool in Sheffield is widely considered to be one of the fastest pools in Europe, will attract the best European national Teams and athletes to the event.

"I am sure the record prize fund will act as a major incentive and that we will see many great performances during the event."

The prize money - 20,000 DM for every new World and 5,000 DM for every new European record - will be paid out for records secured in both individual and relay events, be it heats or finals. Records must be 'bettered' before the prize can be given and the new mark recognised, and there is no limit to the number of records broken by an individual.

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GREAT BRITAIN TO HOST EUROPEAN SHORT COURSE CHAMPIONSHIP

David Sparkes, Chief Executive of the Amateur Swimming Federation of Great Britain (ASFGB) has officially announced that the UK will host the second *adidas European Short Course Championship* later this year.

The coveted event, which takes place from 11-13 December at the Ponds Forge International Centre in Sheffield, England, will attract all of Europe's top swimming nations, and will feature some of the world's best sprinters.

Sparkes said: "I am delighted that Great Britain, and in particular Ponds Forge in Sheffield, has been chosen to host this coveted event. It is one of the Association's goals to raise the profile of British swimming by bringing top international events to this country, and to reassert ourselves as a major force on the world stage."

Sven Folvik, Honorary Secretary of LEN (Ligue Européenne de Natation), the sport's European governing body, said: "LEN has awarded the ASFGB the privilege of hosting this prestigious championship in view of the excellent facilities available in Sheffield.

"Ponds Forge itself is considered by LEN experts to be one of the fastest pools in Europe, a venue which attracts many top international athletes who are at the peak of their performance and intent on securing personal bests. I think we can expect to see a few European Records or even some World Records."

Wayne Coyle, Major Sports Events Manager at the Sheffield Events Unit said: "The Ponds Forge International Pool is widely recognised as being one of the best short course pools in the world, and we are proud to be hosting yet another first class international sporting event in the City."

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